

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the personal conference with the Examiner.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the conference has been gratefully acknowledged. Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9 and 13-16 have been discussed and retained as they were and the Examiner indicated that they were allowable.

As for claim 10 it was suggested to amend this claim to more clearly define the location of the outlet openings, by preliminarily defining the predetermined flow direction of the stream, and then stating that outlet 13 is located upstream of the outlet opening 15 when considered in the predetermined flow direction.

It is believed that this language will satisfy the Examiner's requirement, and claim 10 should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the patent to Shimazu applied by the Examiner and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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